

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: PARRUCK, Bidyut et al

Appl. No.: 09/851,565 Filed: 05/08/2001

Title : Multi-Service Segmentation and Reassembly Device

That Maintains Only One Reassembly Context Per

Active Output Port

Grp./A.U.: 2616

Examiner : Duong, Duc T.

Docket No.: 15047

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND REFUND OF RCE FILING FEE

Due to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action mailed November 24, 2006, which action withdrew the finality of the Final Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006, it is requested that the Request for Continued Examination be withdrawn and that the RCE filing fee of \$395.00 be refunded to Deposit Account 19-2550. In addition, it is respectfully requested that any fees for extension of time that may have been charged to Deposit Account 19-2550 in November 2006 with respect to the filing of the RCE be refunded to the Deposit Account.

Remarks concerning this Request begin at page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

A Final Office Action with respect to this application was mailed May 3, 2006. A Response to the Final Office Action was filed in the US Patent Office on June 30, 2006, and was thus filed within a two month period of the issuance of the Final Office Action such that any period requiring a payment for an extension of time would have begun on the date of the issuance of an Advisory or other action taken by the Examiner in response to the Amendment filed. As no action had been received by late October 2006, a series of Telephone calls were made to the Examiner to determine the status of the application, however no action was forthcoming.

On November 3, 2006, a check was made of our private PAIR site and attached, as Exhibit "A", is a printout showing that no action on the submitted Amendment had yet been taken although the Amendment is shown as being forwarded to the Examiner on July 7, 2006. By way of a further telephone discussion with the Examiner, the undersigned attorney was informed that the Examiner was intending to issue a further office action withdrawing the finality of the Final Office Action of May 3, 2006. However, as no action was showing of the PAIR site on November 3, 2006, a

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decision was made to file a RCE in order to prevent the abandonment of the application on the last date of the six month statutory period.

One November 24, 2006, a Non-Final Office Action was mailed response to the Amendment filed and without reference to the RCE which did in fact withdraw the finality of the Final Office Action. In view of the issuance of the Non-Final Office Action, it is submitted that the RCE should be withdrawn and the fee of \$395.00 refunded to Deposit Account 19-2550.

If this request is more properly submitted in the form of a Petition, it is requested that it be considered as such. It is believed, however, that no fees should be required as the action that was taken in filing the RCE was necessitated by Office delay. Should there be any question, the attorney of record may be reached at the telephone and email address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT "A"